

Account of Purley on Thames

Lething

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The Manor of Lething is noted in Domesday. The entry reads:-

Lands of Theodoric the Goldsmith

In Reading Hundred

In Purley

½ hide. Edward held it and it answered for as much then and now. Land for two ploughs. In Lordship 1; 1 villager and 3 smallholders with 1 plough.

meadow 5 acres

The value was 40s; now 50s

We believe this manor was located roughly where Beech Road now stands. It is bounded to the south by an ancient embankment which prevented encroachment from land slips from the uplands to the south.

We can find no historical references until Victorian times when Yew Tree Farm is mentioned.

